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1. Murmansk (68°58'N/33°05'E) is the main supply base for the Northern Fleet. Administrative centers and headquarters stationed there include the following: administration of supply services; sanitary administration; hydrographic station; personnel-reserve station; and maritime transport and salvage administration.
2. The following dockyard installations at Murmansk were at the disposal of the Northern Fleet there: ship-repair plant of the Government Northern Fishery Trust, ship maintenance plant of the Murmansk Merchant Shipping Corporation; one large and one small floating dock; tank installations for fuel oil; workshops for maintenance and assembly of radio and navigational instruments; and (sic) navigational instruments; and ration supply depot with wharves.
3. Polyarnoye (Polyarnyy) (69°12'N/33°28'E) is the main operational base of the Northern Fleet. The main staff of the Northern Fleet and subordinate staffs (sea-area control staff, fortification district command Murmansk, Air Force Command of the Northern Fleet), the First Submarine Brigade of the Northern Fleet, and a Cutter Brigade (presumably PT-boat brigade) of the Northern Fleet are stationed there. (1) [See Annexes 2 and 3 for sketches of Polyarnyy.]
4. Pechenga (69°33'N/31°12'E) is the second most important base of the Northern Fleet. Details on the installations and groups of vessels stationed there are not available. (2)
5. Teriberka (69°09'N/35°12'E) is the third most important base for the Northern Fleet. An infantry regiment of the coast-defense of the fortification district of Murmansk is stationed in Staraya Teriberka (Old Teriberka) (69°08'N/35°13'E); the shore depot and an airfield are also there. (3)
6. Trifona (69°39'N/31°23'E) has an observation station for the sea district. Submarine-chasers and torpedo cutters (presumably PT-boats) are stationed there. (2)
7. Titovka (69°33'N/32°00'E) has an airfield of the naval air arm and an independent regiment of the coast defense of the fortification district of Murmansk.

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8. Vaytolakhti (69°57'N/31°59'E) is a PT-boat base and has an observation and signal station and one of the sea-area control commands. (4)
9. Tsyp-Navolok (69°43'N/33°06'E) is the garrison of an artillery regiment of the coast defense of the fortification district of Murmansk, with four permanently mounted 130-mm guns; west of it is a battery of railway guns of undetermined caliber. (5)
10. Eyna-Guba (69°38'N/32°27'E) has several 20-ton patrol boats, small cutters and an observation post for observing the sea area.
11. Ara-Guba (69°22'N/32°45'E) is a base for a PT flotilla and has a repair shop.
12. Ura-Guba (69°17'N/32°48'E) has both an airbase and a seaplane station for planes of the naval air arm.
13. Sayda-Cuba (69°15'N/33°15'E) is a base for a cutter flotilla and minor war vessels, such as PT boats and mine-sweeping forces. The floating workshop Krasnaya Gorka is also stationed there.
14. Set Navolok (69°24'N/33°30'E) is the garrison of an artillery battalion and an artillery training battalion of the coast defense of the fortification district of Murmansk and a landing training battalion of the naval soldiers. (5)
15. Pelokamennaya (69°06'N/33°13'E) is the garrison of the infantry construction battalion and a chemical warfare battalion.
16. Vayenga (69°05'N/33°27'E) is the garrison of the main surface forces of the Northern Fleet and the Second Submarine Brigade, with large fuel depots, ordnance, ration-supply and clothing depots. A dockyard is under construction. In Grasnaya-Guba (69°04'N/33°17'E) are the staff, the shore installations and other fuel depots and ordnance depots.
17. Zeleny Mys (69°00'N/33°04'E) is the main coal depot of the district.
18. Drovyanoye (Drovyany) (68°55'N/33°00'E) has the engine repair shops of the sea-district defense and a unit of the apron, the diving service of the Northern Fleet.
19. Kola (68°52'N/33°00'E) has large ammunition and clothing depots nearby for the Northern Fleet.
20. Shongui (68°48'N/33°07'E) and its environs have alternate depots for supply goods for the Northern Fleet and the city of Murmansk.
21. Novy Kildin (69°21'N/34°00'E) is the garrison of the third independent artillery battalion of the coast defense of the fortification district of Murmansk. There are four permanently mounted 130-mm guns. (5)
22. Cavrilovo (69°10'N/35°45'E) is the base for PT boats and patrol boats and has an observation and signal station and a sea-area control station.
23. Ostrov Kharlov (68°49'N/37°21'E) has a coastal battery of unidentified caliber. In Kharlovka itself (68°47'N/37°20'E) are a quay berth for PT boats and patrol boats, and an observation post of the eastern sector of the sea district.
24. Yokanga (68°00'N/39°37'E) is a Northern Fleet base with repair facilities and ammunition and supply depots. (6)
25. Lagernoye (73°20'N/54°20'E) is garrisoned only during the navigation period. As a base for the Northern Fleet it has repair facilities and ammunition and supply depots, as well as a battery charging station for submarines. In addition, an observation and signal station is there. (7)

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26. Russanovo (70°35'N/56°22'E) has an observation and signal station during the navigation period.
27. Vaygach (70°24'N/58°48'E) has an observation and signal station during the navigation period.
28. Khabarovo (69°39'N/60°25'E) is a base of the Northern Fleet with fuel and supply depots.
29. The following railroad lines were built during World War II as supply lines for the Northern Fleet bases: (8)
- Kola-Polyarnoye-Ura-Guba, single-track line, 80 km long, built in 1942; there is a bridge on the line about 4 km from Kola. The line allegedly now extends as far as Petsamo/Pechenga (69°33'N/31°12'E).
  - Vayenga-Teriberka, a single-track line, 70 km long, built in 1943.
30. In 1940, after the close of the Russo-Finnish war, the project of building a canal on the peninsula of Rybachiy (69°40'N/32°30'E) was considered. Since Petsamo/Pechenga is now Soviet, the project which had been pending during the war has been resumed. [redacted] details nor does he know whether the cut will be made through the northern or the southern isthmus; he assumes it is the southern isthmus which connects Sredni peninsula (69°43'N/31°55'E) with the mainland. (Sredni poluo'strov, middle peninsula). (9)
31. The Gulf of Motovski (69°32'N/32°40'E) is deep enough for any ships, but [redacted] no warships larger than destroyers in the bases of Titovka, and Eyna-Cuba. (See points 6 and 9 on Annex 1.)

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Comments.

- It is now improbable that the installations at the main base of the Northern Fleet in Polyarnoye are adequate to meet the requirements of the enlarged Northern Fleet. Those units of the Northern Fleet which are based on the Firth of Kola are dispersed in different places in the bay, Vayenga being the most important base. The south entrance of Polyarnoye has been considered unusable because of shallow water. The passage of boats is possible at high tide. Up to now there has been no indication of an improvement of the channel. The boom defense may serve to prevent uncontrolled traffic to the nearby supply depots.
- Pechenga, which was also termed the "second most important base", and the entire Fiord of Petsamo probably do not meet the specifications of a strong base, even excepting the exposed location near the frontier. It is known that minor establishments and small war vessels are stationed there. The Petsamo Fiord is far less important to the U.S.S.R. as the terminal point of the highway to the Arctic Sea and an ice-free harbor than it was for Finland.
- The information on the "third most important base," Teriberka, must also be viewed with scepticism. It is true that the present state of the installations is not known exactly, but the historical development of the harbor since 1937, as described below, must be doubted, as this base was unimportant even during the war. [See Annex 4, page 2.]
- Judging from the wartime experience this base may be considered as confirmed as a FT base.
- The coastal defense organization of the Bay of Kola, with advanced positions on the Fishernan Peninsula and on Kildin Island, are known from the war. In addition to medium-caliber batteries, heavy batteries firing at ranges up to 40 km were observed at that time. Thus it is possible that the coastal defense has been reinforced since 1941. The caliber of 130 mm or cm, as mentioned in the report, indicates little experience in the field of artillery. A caliber of about 320 mm seems possible, however. The Soviet coast

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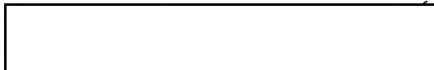
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artillery has 305-mm Canet guns, caliber length L 52, range up to 40 km, and 355-mm Canet guns, caliber length L 52, range up to 50 km. The existence of these guns, mounted in three or four batteries and installed at least at the entrance to the Bay of Kola can be considered as probable.

- (6) This base was prominent during the war. The anchorage is well protected by a group of islands.
- (7) Until now the bases on Novaya Zemlya and those located at the passages to the Kara Sea were of importance for maritime merchant traffic to the North Siberian harbors. Now that these bases have been used by war vessels has seldom been received.
- (8) The railroad connection from Kola to Polyarnoye was reported some time ago; the extension of this line to the west seems improbable, however, and must be confirmed. The railroad junction from Vayenga to Teriberka has not been confirmed [REDACTED].
- (9) The canal project does not seem advantageous. All construction work is very difficult because of the rocky bottom, and a canal in that arctic climate would be frozen over about four or five months each year, while the navigable waters around Fisherman's Island are entirely ice-free throughout the year. In view of the unimportant shortening of the way and the scant demand for such an artificial waterway for merchant vessels, the canal would not be profitable.

4 Annexes: 3 Sketches showing the Murmansk, Polyarnoye and Teriberka coasts and 1 sketch of Polyarnoye.

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